

## PATENT

**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 10, line 19 to read as follows:

Output variables 260 include a list of output variables and their respective goals which are shown in text boxes 265 through 280. Text box 265 shows that a user wishes an automation control engine to automatically optimize a system's maximum CPU utilization. In addition, text box 270 shows that a user wishes an automation control engine to automatically optimize a system's average CPU utilization. Text box 275 shows that a user wishes the automation control engine to adjust input parameter values until the average transaction response time is one millisecond. Likewise, text box 280 shows that a user wishes the automation control engine to adjust input parameter values until the maximum transaction response time is three ~~one~~ milliseconds.